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## Longest Walk 3 Coming to Fort Yuma

The American Indian Movement (AIM) first marched the 3,200 miles from San Francisco to Washington, D.C. in 1978, to educate people about the United States government's continuing threat to Tribal Sovereignty. Their purpose, then, was to bring attention to 11 pieces of anti-Indian legislation that would have contributed to the abrogation of long-standing Indian Treaties with the US Government.

During the week of their arrival, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act was passed, even though President Jimmy Carter refused to meet with representatives of The Longest Walk.

Beginning in July of 2008, AIM repeated the walk, this time following two routes, making it an 8,200-mile walk of over 100 American Indian nations and other indigenous peoples. That walk, The Longest Walk 2, delivered a 30-page "Manifesto of Change" to lawmakers, while commemorating the 30th anniversary of the original Longest Walk.

Southern Route marchers picked up more than 8,000 bags of garbage on their way to Washington, D.C., emphasizing

the Manifesto's demands, which included mitigation for climate change, environmental sustainability plans, protection of sacred sites, and the renewal of improvements to Native American sovereignty and health.

Just last week, they began a new Longest Walk, again following two routes, both originating on the California coast. The Southern Route, originating from La Jolla on February 14th, will travel through the southern California Tribal Nations of the Diegueño, Kumeyaay, Luseño, Serrano, Cahuilla and Chemehuevi before visiting the Quechan on the way to Arizona and on to Washington, D.C. by July of this year.

Dennis Banks, leader of the Walk, says the 5,000+ mile walk across America will help bring increased awareness regarding the devastating effects of diabetes and how it can be reversed

by changing our entire diet and lifestyle! This disease is at epidemic levels across America, especially throughout Indian Country.

Mr. Banks, himself a diabetic, says that "Diabetes has reached an epidemic state in Indian Country and the

percentage of diabetes among Native Americans may be as high as 75%" (though the IHS estimate is only 35%). "Surgery involving amputation is very common," Banks said, "making Native people Partial Indians."

The marchers expect to arrive here in Quechan territory around February 23rd. They encourage local supporters to meet with them at Ogilby Road and Interstate 8 on that day, to run and walk the rest of the way to their rest stop in Fort Yuma, the land owned by the head of the Ah Mut Pipa Foundation, Quechan elder, Preston Arrow

Weed. Mr. Arrow Weed (who lives just east of the canal at Baseline and Ross Roads) says the marchers will spend the night on his parcel before setting off for Gila Bend the next day. While in Fort Yuma, they will be glad to meet with local Tribal members. Their goal is to provide the opportunity to collect diabetic concerns and stories heard across America and develop this information into a personal in-depth perspective expressing the Native view for delivery to Washington, D.C.

"Since their goal is to make it all the way to Washington in only 6 months, their schedule is tight," says Mr. Arrow Weed. "My grandson, Mucaw, took part in their 2008 Walk, and made a big impression on them. Mr. Banks also wants to come stay here on my land to hold a ceremony that night, to honor Mucaw's memory and contributions to the Longest Walk 2."

The group, which should number at least 200 marchers when it arrives in Fort Yuma, will be given the opportunity to use the showers at the Rainbow Pool, to remove road dust and get some much needed rest be-

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# Quechan Tribe Welcomes New ADAPP Director

The Quechan Tribe's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP) has a new Director, Rick Diaz, who began working for the Tribe in mid-January.

Rick Diaz was born and raised in the small town of Grants, New Mexico, just outside of the southeast corner of the Navajo Reservation. He says he grew up in a home where his parents stressed values and integrity as important for each member of the family. After his high school graduation, Mr. Diaz went to the University of New Mexico (UNM) to study for an undergraduate degree.

He eventually left UNM to complete his Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Human Services at Western New Mexico University (WNMU) in 1991.

He then went on to continue his education in a Masters program at WNMU and began working in the field as a young counselor the very next year.

"I was then offered a position that I could not refuse," he says, "working as a Counselor at a training facility in Phoenix. That gave me the opportunity to be trained by dynamic professionals on a daily basis, which helped me to develop skills as a masterful clinician."

Once he completed the program, he went to work for "a stellar organization," Prehab of Arizona. There, he was a coun-

selor in a residential treatment facility working with adolescents with behavioral health issues. He then took on a new challenge when he was offered the opportunity to be the Director of Residential Services for a specialized adolescent program, spending almost 8 years there.

"I developed that program with a remarkable team, he says, "and in doing so, received professional recognition from both the Arizona Office of Behavioral Health and my fellow colleagues."

With his interest in the substance abuse field, he was able to complete all the requirements to achieve Certification as a Substance Abuse Counselor for the state of Arizona.

Continuing his further education and training in the area of substance abuse treatment, Mr. Diaz also became certified in the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) placement assessment program as a relapse prevention trainer and facilitator. That certification lead to his becoming a trainer, helping new therapists employ motivational interviewing techniques.

He continues: "I then pursued a certification in the area of domestic violence treatment and

was able to further develop my skills in the area of substance abuse knowledge to become a public speaker/presenter."

He also says it was important for his career that he become a licensed substance abuse counselor, and he was able to achieve that goal in 2004.

The Excel Group then recruited him to come to Yuma and serve as their Director of Substance Abuse Services. In all, Rick Diaz spent about 8 years with the Excel Group, covering a variety of positions at the top of their organization.

"I continued to act as Director of that program, while also serving as the Director of the Healthy Families Program, Substance Abuse Prevention, as well as their Southwest Recovery Center (a residential treatment program)."

Yuma's Excel Group had over 2000 local clients at the time, with Mr. Diaz putting in additional hours as Housing Director for about 10% of those clients.

Eventually, however, the Excel Group was dropped by their funding organization. "I was fortunate to have lots of success in those programs, until the funding ended," he says.

Looking for a new challenge, he put out his feelers in the Arizona counseling community, and was then recruited by Superstition Mountain Mental Health Center as their Director of Outpatient Services.

During the year-and-a-half he spent with Superstition Mountain, Mr. Diaz helped to develop

that program from a handful of clients to almost 600 in just over one year.

"That was done through lots of outreach and engagement with the community," he points out, "since I had the luxury of working with a very special team at Superstition that allowed us to be so successful."

Now that he is here working for the Tribe, Mr. Diaz says he's very excited about the opportunity to work with the Quechan

Tribe as the Director of ADAPP Services.

"My passion is working to help individuals work through their recovery from the devastation of substance abuse and in helping to prevent young people from getting involved in using substances before it becomes unmanageable. I have met many wonderful people during my short time with ADAPP and I am still thrilled about the program's possibilities."



**Rick Diaz**

Spent 8 years as the Director of Substance Abuse Services for the Excel Group in Yuma before coming to work for the Quechan Tribe.

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# Culture & Heritage

## Kwat'san Story Accepted for Upcoming University Publication



**Barbara Levy, Quechan Language Project Coordinator**, tells a story to Keiona Manson about the illustrations in a coloring book. Her story telling skills have led to her stories being published twice already. Now, the University of Nebraska has selected another of her *Kwat'san* tales for inclusion in a new compilation volume, due this year.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

Barbara Levy, the Coordinator for the Quechan language Project, has been learning and passing along stories all her life. Always interested in language, she is fluent in both *Kwat'san* and English, having learned both as a child.

And while she's been developing her love for words and the nuances of their contextual meanings, she has also managed

to preserve some of her best stories in both audio recordings (such as those collected by the Story Corps project in January of 2010) and in a variety of publications. Her stories have been featured in two books, Bryd Baylor's *Children's Stories* in the early 1970's, *Circle of Motion* (published by the Arizona State University Press) in 1990 and *News From Native Califor-*

*nia* magazine in August of 2008.

Now, another University has selected one of her stories for a new collection, set for release at the end of this year.

David Kozak is a medical anthropologist with Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. He has worked in several Native American communities of southern Arizona, and has published many articles on a myriad of topics.

His research and publications reveal a diverse set of interests from healing song poetics of the Tohono O'odham culture of southern Arizona, to Type 2 diabetes and obesity, to land access issues regarding conflicts over recreational and sacred land use. He is currently editing a large volume on the verbal arts of the Native Southwest cultural area, to be published by the University of Nebraska Press.

To find the stories for that book, *Inside Dazzling Mountains: Southwest Native Verbal Arts*, he placed an ad in *Indian Country News* a few years ago.

Around that same time, Barbara was attending a cultural event for the California Storytellers Association in San Diego. There, she told her version of the old *Kwat'san* story, "Coyote and The Hen". A researcher, Amy Miller liked the story so much, she asked Barbara if she could tell it again, so she could record it "before it got away".

Though it was originally

passed on in *Kwat'san*, Barbara passed it on to Amy in English. After playing back the recording a number of times, Amy transcribed it to print. Through a series of drafts she reviewed with Barbara, they were able to work it into a finished story, suitable for publication.

Amy originally thought it might just be used in some future project within the Storytellers Association, such as an article for a quarterly journal. But when Amy found that Dr. Kozak was scouring Indian Country for examples of Native "verbal art", she submitted the finished version of "Coyote and The Hen".

A great deal of time passed, with no word on its fate. Dr. Kozak was collecting hundreds of stories, prepared to spend years, if necessary, as he worked on his project, determined to collect the very best examples of the verbal heritage of America's Native peoples.

Once the collection was assembled, he began to pore over the submissions. As he nar-

rowed down the choicest stories from all over Indian Country, his publisher, the University of Nebraska Press, also stepped in for a final review. As the final deadline approached, the University's Board of Regents joined with the Editor to determine which of the stories would make the final cut. One of the stories they picked was "Coyote and The Hen," by Barbara Levy.

"When Amy told me my story was accepted, I was so proud of my work," says Barbara. "To have my work accepted by the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska!"

She hadn't heard anything from Amy in a very long time on what might happen with the story she had told so long ago in San Diego. The decision to submit it for consideration for a scholarly publication seemed such a long shot, and now . . . they had not only accepted its submission, but they were going to actually include it in the book!

Proof of that decision arrived in early February in the form of a "Consent-To-Publish Agreement" between Barbara and the University of Nebraska Press. In return for signing the contract, Barbara and Dr. Kozak are to review and correct any errors before it goes to press, with her receiving full credit for the previously unpublished story. The University will also be shipping her a complete volume of the book once it is printed.

"Right now," she says, "the Quechan Language Program is working on developing stories for teaching Native Philosophy. To have one of my stories included in a book on Indian Literature is fantastic! And with my birthday coming on February 25th, celebrating my 66 years of life so far—that will really make my day, helping the *Kwat'san Pipa* keep our traditions alive!"



**Lisa Ball and Community Garden Coordinator Brian Warner** (on the left, above) stand in the center walkway of the new Quechan Community Garden at the *Anya Nitz Pak* Park. Lisa, Head of the Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians, was there to listen as Mr. Warner conducted a tour and gave an on-site update on the Community Garden to interested community members on February 12. Last weekend, volunteers from the Community Garden Project were scheduled to finish up the planters and paths for the Garden, which should soon have its first plantings this spring.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

## Brandy Cachora Joins Quechan EDA

The Economic Development Administration Office (EDA) has found their new Assistant Planner.

Brandy Cachora has been hired for the position, where her main responsibility will be taking care of the Business Permit applicants.

Brandy is an enrolled member of the Quechan Indian Tribe and has lived on the reservation her entire life. A graduate of San Pasqual High School, she earned numerous awards in both academics and sports.

It was during her senior year in high school that she met her boyfriend Gregory Hammond, two months prior to graduation. Upon graduating, Brandy spent the summer working at Main Street Cinemas. She then applied to Arizona State University (ASU) where she was accepted for the upcoming semester.

After two semesters she de-

cided to return home.

Upon returning to the reservation, Brandy began looking for work, and found a job at the Senior Nutrition Center.

She served four years as an Assistant Cook and eight months as the Senior Center's Recreation Coordinator. When she began her job as a cook at the Senior Nutrition Center she also attended college here in Yuma at the University of Phoenix, Southern Campus.

She is currently studying Criminal Justice Administration and will be earning her Bachelor in Science degree soon.

After leaving the Senior Center, Brandy served four and half months as a Security Officer before applying for and receiving her new position with the EDA.

### Brandy Cachora

Brandy hopes to someday continue her education at the Sandra Day O'Conner College of Law at ASU.

Photo Courtesy of Quechan EDA



She says she's settling into her new new position, and she likes both the job and her new co-workers. She is looking forward to finishing her degree this year and applying her knowledge and skills to her job the best she can. She says she couldn't have gotten this far without her mother, family, and boyfriend of five years (will be six in March!).

Her career goal is to be accepted into the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at ASU, to study the Indian Legal Program so she can practice law in tribal courts (and other courts) with our tribe and others.

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fore the evening's ceremony.

While they are here, Banks will explain his campaign for Indigenous lands to set aside 2,000,000 acres of prime farm land for large vegetable gardens to begin supplying Native peoples with fresh produce.

"Everyone should have a garden for good nutrition and exercise," he says. "We are working on a 50-year program to reverse the symptoms of diabetes. If we don't start now, in 50 years we will *all* be diabetic, with no future at all," Banks said.

That message reinforces the recent plans of the Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians (SDPI) to create a Quechan Community Garden for Tribal members to use in supplement-

ing their own diets with fresh vegetables. Just last week, the SDPI and Elder Village Focus Group had scheduled volunteers to complete the Garden's planter layout at the *Anya Nitz Pak*.

Banks will also conduct seminars along their route, with lectures on juicing your own vegetables. "Vegetables," he says, "are becoming extinct," and he wants to aid in a massive "Reversing Diabetes" program across Native America.

After leaving Fort Yuma, the southern route walkers will travel through the states of Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Virginia on their way to Wash-

ington. Together, both routes will walk across 26 states. All along the way, as more and more people join the Walk, they hope to bring attention to the steps necessary to provide our Indian families and their children with healthier lifestyle choice. Healthier choices can decrease the potential health issues which have disabled the quality of life brought on by diabetes.

If you wish to assist with the largest, most historic walk in the fight to reverse diabetes, please contact Preston Arrow Weed for further information. Any contributions before and during the walk will be greatly appreciated and can be arranged by calling him at (928) 388-9456 or by simply joining the walk!



## 3 Diabetes Fun Runs Saturday of Pow Wow

Every year, the first weekend of March marks the Annual Strong Hearts Native Society Pow Wow here on the Quechan Reservation.

And this year, to emphasize the benefits of exercise (and get everyone pumped up and invigorated for the weekends dancing to follow), the Quechan Diabetes Wellness Center will be sponsoring a series of "fun runs" to kick things off on Saturday morning.

This year, there will be three such runs, all beginning and ending at the Pow Wow grounds at the San Pasqual High School football field.

The three runs are a one mile "stride", a 5K run and a 10K run. All three runs

will begin and end at the same start/finish line at the field, and will follow separate routes to achieve the distances required.

Anyone looking for exercise is welcome to sign up all this week (and next) before the Pow Wow, and you can even sign-up at the starting line up to ten minutes prior to the start time of 9:00 AM on March 5th.

Those wanting to just "get a little exercise" should walk the one-mile "stride", while more athletic individuals can try to beat their best times on the 5K and 10K routes.

If you have any questions on these runs, just call the Diabetes Wellness Center at (760) 572-4057.

# Quechan Tribe Seeks Halt to California Solar Project

After at least two years of planning, untold man-hours of research and design, and an attempt to fast-track a major “green energy” development by making an “end-run” around federal laws and regulations, the United States Department of the Interior was severely chastened in a confrontation with the Quechan Tribe, and the entire project has returned to square one.

Judge Larry Alan Burns of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California in San Diego entered an order on January 13th, temporarily preventing any development on the Imperial Valley Solar (IVS) project on mostly public land just west of El Centro, California.

In his order, Judge Burns ruled that the United States had failed to properly consult with the Quechan Tribe prior to approving the project, which is located within the Tribe’s traditional historic use area on land which contains hundreds of cultural resources.

“The problem isn’t necessarily with the project itself,” said Quechan Tribal President Mike Jackson. Sr., “it’s with (Secretary of the Interior) Salazar. He broke a lot of laws and regulations when he approved this project and tried to move forward with it, without holding government-to-government consultations with the Quechan Tribe, like he should have. But with our ancestors being buried out there, with all our artifacts in the ground on our traditional Tribal lands- let’s face it- this isn’t going to happen there.”

The IVS Project would have consisted of nearly 30,000 solar pedestals spread over 6,144 acres of public lands currently managed by the United States

Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Land Management (BLM). However, the proposed project is located within the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) and the BLM’s own studies confirm the existence of hundreds of cultural resources within the project area. Being in the Desert Conservation Area alone “is enough to shut the whole project down,” says the Quechan Tribe’s lead attorney, Frank Jozwiak.

The Court ruling states there could be as many as 459 ancient cultural sites within the project’s proposed boundaries, including burials, religious sites, ancient trails, and possibly even buried artifacts.

“The entire (CDCA) area is ‘Type L,’ ” Jozwiak says, “designated for limited development. Putting 30,000 solar pedestals fifty-eight feet high on ten square miles, like a giant cornfield of towers, with all of the maintenance roads and cables and other infrastructure to go with it – that’s *not* limited. The whole area will be *covered* in concrete. You’d *never* be able to use that land for anything else again.” That alone is reason enough to kill the project in Court,” he says, “without even getting into the violations of law on the part of Interior Secretary Salazar.”

After a 2-year series of informational meetings open to both local Tribes and the general public, The Department of the Interior issued a public notice of its approval of the IVS Project on October 13, 2010. Two weeks later, the Tribe’s attorneys filed suit on the Tribe’s behalf, challenging the IVS Project.

The suit alleged the Department of the Interior and Bureau of Land Management failed to

consult with the Quechan Tribe regarding impacts to the Tribe’s cultural resources prior to approval of the project, as required by Section 106 of the National Historical Preservation Act, among other laws.

A further motion was filed by the Tribe’s attorneys on November 12, 2010, to stop any development or construction on the Imperial Valley Solar Project.

One month later, on December 13, the Court held a formal hearing to allow the Tribe’s attorneys, the United States, and Tessera Solar (the project applicant) to present their arguments.

Only two days later, the Court handed down a ruling stating that the United States had failed to properly consult the Tribe. In that ruling, Judge Burns stated “the documentary evidence doesn’t show BLM ever met with the Tribe’s government until October 16, 2010,” which was 3 days after BLM had approved the project. “All available evidence tends to show BLM repeatedly said it would be glad to meet with the Tribe, but never did so.”

He also said the documentary evidence discloses almost no “government-to-government” consultations between the BLM and the Quechan Tribe, as required by law.

Pleased with the progress of the case so far, President Jackson told the Quechan News, “Apparently, Secretary Salazar thinks that since he’s Secretary of the Interior, and in charge of the BLM, that he can ignore any laws and regulations to get things he wants done. . . Well, he can’t do that.”

“The judge is saying (Salazar) broke his own laws regarding (government-to-government) consultation by signing off on it

without first sitting down to talk with us.”

Exactly 30 days later, the Court entered an order halting any construction on the project. The order will remain in effect until the case is concluded, which will likely be later this summer. At that time, the Court will make a final decision whether the project may go forward.

Two additional lawsuits have also been filed by other groups against the IVS Project, though no rulings of importance have yet been made in those two cases.

It was only after the January 13th ruling that the United States and Tessera Solar CEO Robert Lukefar approached the Tribe in an effort to reach a compromise. Representatives from both the Department of the Interior and the solar company met with the Quechan Tribal Council on January 26 to discuss the case, but the Tribal Council informed both parties there could be no compromise given the importance of the cultural resources at the site.

“Too late,” says President Jackson. “If they wanted our input, they should have been talking to us at least two years ago, when this whole thing first started.”

“We told them there would be no compromise,” said President Jackson, since the Tribe wasn’t consulted about the project, as required by federal law. “I told Mr. Lukefar that our concern is not with you at this time, it’s with Salazar. BLM should have talked to us a couple of years ago. We’re going to take it all back to square one now, and we’ll be taking the fight to Capitol Hill.”

Although Mr. Lukefar indicated he was pleased with that

answer, it has since been learned that not long after his meeting with the Tribal Council, Tessera Solar sold the entire project (and the headache it has become) to a joint venture between the AES Corporation and Riverstone Holdings known as AES Solar.

According to Tribal Attorney Jozwiak, “The next step now is to file asking for a summary judgement on the legal issue of whether Salazar complied with federal law. But the Record of Decision and other things still have to be filed, so that could still be a couple of months away.”

But Jozwiak also points out that “time works on our side, because for now, they’re stalled in their tracks and until something else happens, they’re enjoined against doing anything on the project.”

“On this issue, we’re in the driver’s seat,” says President Jackson, “the Judge agreed with us, and we’re in charge of where this goes from here. We’ve also got lots of letters of support from across the country on this issue. Once it goes back to Court, this issue should gather our people, our elders, our dancers, our singers and runners together, as we’ve done in the past to defeat those arrayed against us, and we’ll go to work as a people and get this done, too.”

In a statement to local media after learning of the decision, President Jackson also said he not only wants to preserve those sacred sites to save the Tribe’s history for future generations of Quechan, he’s also motivated to protect the desert.

“It’s a beautiful desert out there and these people want to tear it up for their own benefit. This is Mother Earth and it’s our duty to save it.”

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Dwight Yoakam returns to play the Pipa at 8:00 PM this Friday, February 25th. His first concert at the Q was in April of 2009.

## Dwight Yoakam at the Q this Friday!

A true country music original who often directs his own videos, helped rekindle interest in both Bakersfield and Buck Owens, and even played with hardcore Punk bands like Hüsker Dü, Dwight Yoakam will return to the Pipa Event Center at the Quechan Casino♦Resort this Friday, February 25th! He first played the Pipa in April, 2009.

A few tickets are still available for his February 25th show,

which starts at 8:00 PM. Prices range from \$30 to \$45, depending on your seat's location. You must be 21 or older to attend.

When he began his career in the early 1980's, Nashville was oriented toward a pop "Urban Cowboy" style, and Yoakam's brand of hip Honky Tonk music was not considered marketable. Writing all his own songs, and performing mostly outside traditional country music venues,

Yoakam did many shows in rock and punk rock clubs around Los Angeles, playing with roots rock or punk rock acts like The Blasters, Los Lobos, and X. His audience soon grew more diverse, beyond the typical country music fans.

Yoakam has also starred in many films, most notably in critically acclaimed performances as an abusive alcoholic in *Sling Blade* (1996), as a sociopathic

killer in *Panic Room* (2002), as the sheriff in *The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada* (2002) and as a police detective in *Hollywood Homicide* (2005).

He's had three straight number one country albums, and his biggest hit singles include *Streets of Bakersfield*, *I Sang Dixie, Ain't That Lonely Yet*, *A Thousand Miles from Nowhere*, *Fast As You*, *Honky Tonk Man* and *Guitars and Cadillacs*.

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Any changes or additions? Call ext. 228

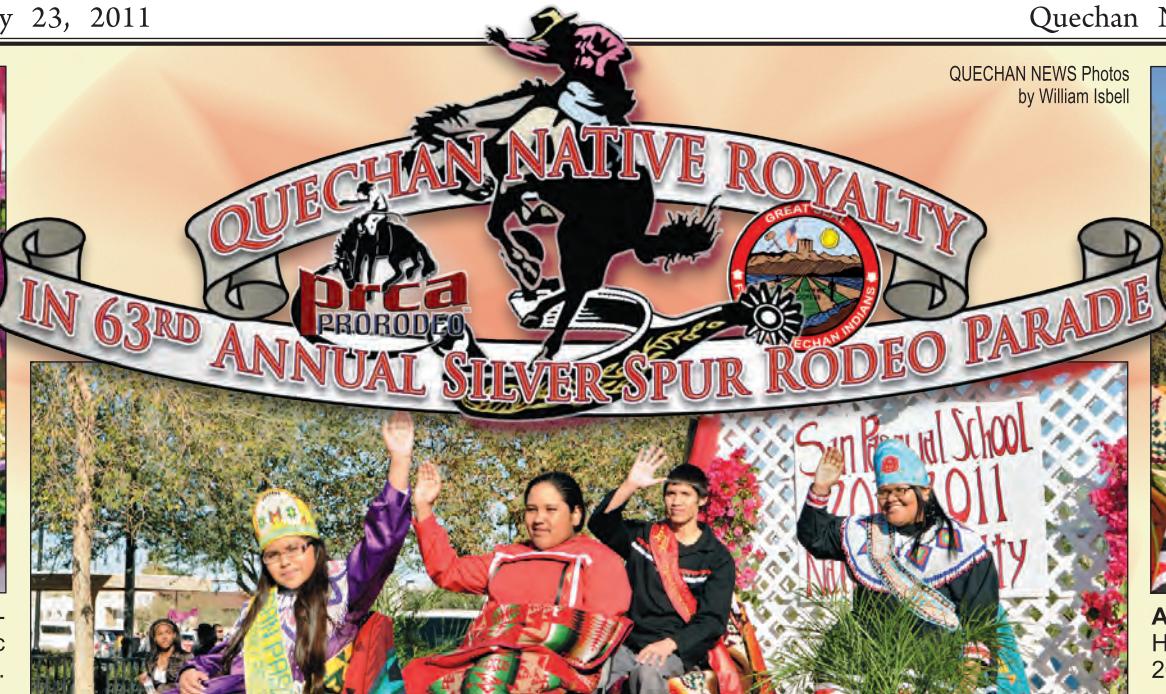
PHONE	FAX	NAME	TRIBAL DEPARTMENT	PHONE	FAX	NAME	TRIBAL DEPARTMENT
572-0213	572-2102	Tribal Administration Office		1-877-759-3504			
200		Shari Mattias	Receptionist	572-3100	572-2694	Rebecca Ramirez	Educational Programs
201		Mike Jackson Sr	President	572-2914	572-3638	Charlotte Hills	Elder/Family Service
202		Keeny Escalanti Sr	Vice-President	572-0752	572-5264	Ronda Aguerro	Enrollment
203		Mayra Villalobos	General Ledger Accountant	572-2969	572-2102	Chase Choate	Environmental Director
204		Georgina Massey	Tribal Council Secretary	572-7777	Ext:2610	Judy Cachora	Employee Relations Advocate
205		Mike Jackson Sr. /Conference	President	572-0741	572-0800	Glen Harris 920-2274	Facilities/Maintenance
206		Marsha Emerson	Executive Secretary	572-0919		Mike Jackson, Jr.	Grounds Supervisor
207		Erna Jackson	Asst. To Tribal Council Secretary	572-1080	572-2099	Margarita Rubalcaba	Family Preservation
209		Stephanie Pena	Accounts Payable Tech	572-0544	572-2102	Gordon Osborne	Fish & Game
210		Virgil Smith	Finance Clerk	572-0263	572-0264	Karen Preston	Head Start
212	572-0515	Robin Estrada	Tribal Administrator	572-5268	572-3069	Ora Lee Durand	Higher/Vocational Education
213		Frank Espino	Comptroller	572-2423	572-0515	Bridgette Nash	Historic Preservation Office
214		Chona Medel	Finance Manager/Sr. Accountant	572-4100	572-5267	1-800-862-4911	Hospital - IHS
215	572-0509	Teddi Villicana	Travel Coordinator	572-0243	572-0245	Bob Letendre	Housing
217		Yani Tidwell	Comptroller Assistant	572-0301	572-2716	Carla Hills	Hub Liquor
218		Ina Hopper	Accounting Technician	572-0437		Lisa Aguerro	Injury Prevention
219		Edna Serna	Senior Accountant	572-0648	572-0603	Pamela Manchatta, Acting	JOM
220			Revenue Distribution Clerk	572-0798	572-2891	Richard Hofacker	Laguna Dam Trailer Park
221		Monica Montague	Mail Room	572-0772	572-2102	Woody Brown	Mechanic Shop
222		Adriana Barnes	Finance Secretary/PR Clerk	572-4075		David Moreno	Mosquito Abatement
224		Brandy Brookins	Accounts Payable Tech	572-0661	572-2102	Pauline Jose/Willa Scott	Museum
225		Ramon Flores	Management Information Systems	572-7777	572-2471	Charles Montague	Paradise Casino (888) 777-4946
226	572-4274	Maggie Esquivel	Property & Supply Clerk	572-5485	572-2210	Christina Jackson	Paradise Casino HR
227	572-4274	Esteban Gomez	Record Retention Specialist	572-5440	572-2102	Karen Preston	Paradise Child Care Center
228	572-0515	LaVonne Hills	HR Administrative Assistant	572-0487	572-5769	Danette Joaquin	Parenting
229	572-4274	Cathie Soliz	Property & Supply Manager	572-1242	572-2752	Willis Hawkins	Parks & Recreation
231	572-4274	Melvin Miguel	TERO/Safety Officer	572-0771	572-2587	Henry Ghiotto	Pesticides
274		Dianna Waters	Revenue Distribution	572-2260	572-2102	Christoble Emerson	Pipa Market
276		Brenda Knight	Payroll Technician	572-1624	572-2040	Brian Parrish	Quechan Casino & Resort
279	572-0515	Anna Hemmer	HR Director	572-1640	572-2034	Christina Jackson	Quechan Casino HR
280	572-0515	Patricia Barley	HR Clerk	572-2480	572-2102	Rebecca Ramirez	Quechan Daycare
283		Ramona Ghiotto	Elder Assistance Program	572-4412	572-2101	Barbara Levy	Quechan Language
284		RoseAna Williams	Contracts & Grants Coord.	572-3912	572-3910	William Isbell	Quechan Newsletter
286		Clifford O'Neill	Grants Writer	572-2933	572-0265	Tony Badilla 941-9778	Quechan Police Department
PHONE	FAX	NAME	TRIBAL DEPARTMENT	572-2825	572-2752		Rainbow Pool
572-0232	572-0235	Rick Diaz	ADAPP (888-572-2191)	572-2794	572-3106	Jerome Two Hearts 920-2809	Security Department
572-2959	572-3581	Chano Escalante, Manager	Andrade Parking Lot	572-0748	572-5867	Rosie Jack-Sestiaga	Senior Nutrition Center
928-782-1202	782-1266	Irene Herder, Superintendent	BIA	572-5101	572-5101	Dave Pasqual Jr	Sleepy Hollow RV Park
572-0668	572-0653	Barbara Cachora	Business Enterprise Office	572-0201	572-2099	Marilyn Swafford	Social Services
572-0753	572-2988	Sosa Diaz	CHR	572-0201	572-2099		Social Services Eligibility Clerk
572-0740	572-5066	Debbie Hill	Commodities	572-5552	572-5560	Claudette White, Judge	Tribal Court
572-0741	572-0800	Walt Brooks	Construction Coordinator	572-1755	572-2018	Dwayne Waters	Tribal Gaming Agency
572-1286	572-4363	Lisa DeVriendt-Ball	Diabetes Prevention	572-5464	572-5478	Marianna Bobtail Bear	Tribal Gaming Office
572-4057	572-4363	Sandy Palone	Diabetes Wellness Center	572-0667	572-3867	Robert Cain	Utilities Manager
572-5270	572-0519	Brian Golding, Sr.	Economic Development Administration	572-2314	572-2735	Earl Daniel	WIA/DOL Director



Leila Jose, Miss Quechan Nation for 2011, waves to her public amid a mass of floral decorations.



Before moving out on the route, Leila (above) was joined by Chris Emerson of the Pipa Market in carefully arranging hundreds of flowers on the outside of her ride.



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And Brittany Miguel, the Strong Hearts High School Princess for 2010/11 also gives a royal wave.



▲ The Strong Hearts Native Royalty shared a float this year, riding along the Parade route as a group. Seen above are the Elementary Princess, Theresa Valenzuela; Middle School Pipa Kwanamii, Draco Geronimo; High School Iipa Kwanamii, Angelito Alvarez and the High School Princess, Brittany Miguel. The Middle School Princess, Ramona Emerson, missed the Parade this year due to illness.

Meanwhile, the Quechan Ah Keel Dance Group were also ► entered in this year's Parade, with a number of their group dancing atop a colorful float. Seen here dancing all the way to the end of the Parade Route at Yuma City Hall are Joanna Herrera, Cynthia Emerson, Arlie Emerson and Ilene Valenzuela.



# SOCIAL SERVICES TEEN PROGRAM

Curriculum Includes:

Art Therapy/ Arts and Crafts	Date Rape and Sexual Assault	Anatomy of Male and Female Reproductive Systems*
T Shirt Designs	Teen Dating	How to Care For Those Systems*
Web Site Development	Sexual Harrasment	Abstinence and Forms of Contraception*
Self Esteem & Self Worth	Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD)*	
Domestic Violence	Reproduction*	

\*These subjects are presented by Indian Health Services Nursing Staff.  
All educational movies shown in these classes are previewed by the staff  
before being shown in the class/group setting.

Meets at Social Services Office, 465 Picacho Road every Tuesday Afternoon from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Contact: Tina Salinas  
(760)572-1082 or (760)572-0201  
Transportation provided on a first come, first served basis.